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For: THERMAL TREATMENT APPARATUS, METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING  
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE, AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING SUBSTRATE

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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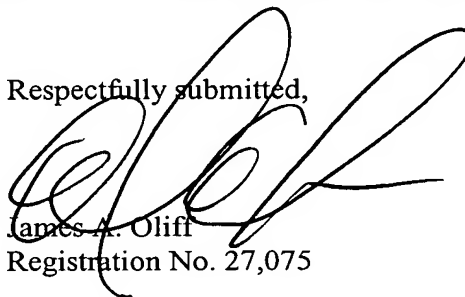
Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO-1449. Unless otherwise indicated herein, one copy of each reference is attached. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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- ☒ 2. One or more reference cited herein was cited in a counterpart foreign application. An English language version of the foreign Office Action is attached for the Examiner's information. See References 1 & 2.
- ☒ 3. Also attached for the Examiner's information is an English language version of the February 21, 2008 foreign Office Action from a counterpart foreign application.

- ☒ 4. Japanese Application Publication No. JP-A-2001-358086 cited in the April 8, 2009 Foreign Office Action was previously submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement filed March 15, 2005.
- ☒ 5. Japanese Application Publication Nos. JP-A-11-340155, JP-A-10-242067, JP-A-2002-231726, JP-A-2001-358086 and JP-A-07-161654 cited in the February 21, 2008 Foreign Office Action were previously submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement filed March 15, 2009.

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